

Dear Commerce Committee,

At a time when we should be reducing our meat consumption and ending factory farming to save our environment and preserve our planet, I find it unimaginable that Connecticut would implement a new law to increase the practice. We need to be leaders in sustainability to reduce our impact.

In addition,

1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats

2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Kind regards,

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